

JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
848 Washington Ave
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2018
November 15, 2017
Scheduled Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP, called the meeting to order at 5:57 pm on November 15, 2017.

Joint Committee members present:

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP

Sheila Lopez, CNM

Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, CRNP

Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD (left meeting at 6:05 pm, returned at 6:07 pm)

John S. Meigs Jr., MD

Dick Owens, MD

Staff members present:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:

Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, NE-BC, MSN, MSHA, RN

Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice

Sharon Tubbs, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Consultant

Joint Committee Visitors

Stephony L. Robinson, ARNP, FNP-BC

Eileen Tarpey

Courtney Batay Coats

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared with three nurse members and three physician members present.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Prior notice of meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Meigs moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda as presented to include the modifications for Amended Items 7 B, 8 and 9 and addition of Item 7 F. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of September 19, 2017, as presented. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Xiaflex Injections

Additional consideration has been given to this skill and the Board of Medical Examiners at their October 18, 2017, meeting voted to approve this skill for Mid-Level Practitioners according to the following approval language:

"The request to train the mid-level practitioner to perform Xiaflex injections for the treatment of Peyronie's Disease is approved with submission of documentation of enrollment in the Xiaflex Rems Program. Training is to include ten (10) physician supervised, documented procedures. Once the training is complete please submit the documentation of training form for the Board's consideration".

The physician for whom this request was denied previously will be notified that the Board will reconsider the request.

On November 15, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information.

B. Rule Change for Joint Committee Quorum

Joint Committee members meet every other month to consider business items which impact the collaborative practice of physicians and certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNP) and certified nurse midwives (CNM). A portion of the meeting is dedicated to the review of collaborative practice applications for approval. Lack of a quorum postpones the review of outstanding applications and causes delays in initiation of collaborative practices and may negatively impact billing and reimbursement within practice arrangements.

ABN rule changes will be submitted to the Board of Nursing on November 16, 2017.

The rules which will be effected are ABN Rules 610-X-5-.02 and BME Rules 540-X-8-.08 and will read as follows:

610-X-5-.02 - In the event that a quorum for voting will not be met due to the absence of the required number of appointed Joint Committee members at a scheduled meeting, the Board of Nursing or the Board of Medical Examiners may designate substitute representatives to attend the meeting on behalf of the respective boards in accordance with the requirements of Ala. Code § 34-21-81(7).

540-X-8-.08 - In the event that a quorum for voting will not be met due to the absence of the required number of appointed Joint Committee members at a scheduled meeting, the Board of Nursing or the Board of Medical Examiners may designate substitute representatives to attend the meeting on behalf of the respective boards in accordance with the requirements of Ala. Code § 34-21-81(7).

On November 15, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information.

C. Revision of ABN NEW Skill Template

At the September 2017, Joint Committee meeting members discussed the need for advanced practice nurses (APNs) to provide more detailed information when requesting the addition of skills. To that end, the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) revised the New Skill Request template to include the following items:

- Research information regarding approval of this skill for APNs by other states
- Graduate medical education criteria for training and annual competency

The new template also informs APNs they are expected to attend the ABN Board meeting to present the request and answer questions.

On November 15, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information.

D. Optum Health House Calls Care Model

Stephony L. Robinson, ARNP, FNP-BC, Clinical Team Manager for HouseCalls in Florida and Alabama presented information on the growth of the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage program and the direct impact this has on PEEHIP members in Alabama.

HouseCalls started in 2012, is currently in 45 states, expects to complete 1.3 million visits in 2017 and has a 98% customer satisfaction rate across the board.

HouseCalls takes an integrated approach to population health management, leveraging resources from multiple teams to coordinate for their members. They view themselves as a triage to care, bringing together multiple resources to create a more preventative than reactive approach.

HouseCalls model for care it to close care gaps by improving access, educating patients and families, coordinating care and increasing physician engagement which will, in turn, reduce hospitalizations, increase preventative care and reduce cost.

On November 15, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information.

E. Revision of Pediatric Acute Care Protocol

The Joint Committee was asked to approve revision of pediatric acute care protocol to include Needle Decompression of a tension pneumothorax which will more accurately reflect the current standard of clinical practice.

Ms. Daniel informed the Committee that this skill was inadvertently omitted from the protocol during the consolidation of skills approved in February 2014.

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Owens moved that the Joint Committee approve revision of pediatric acute care protocol to include Needle Decompression of a tension pneumothorax. Ms. Lopez seconded. Motion carried without objection.

F. Cervical Trigger Point Injections

The Joint Committee was asked to consider a request for Cervical Trigger Point Injections which have historically not been approved.

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee deny the request for Cervical Trigger Point Injections. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by October 20, 2017, for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of August 25, 2017, the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

After publication of the roster

Item Number	Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
63-1	09/18/2017 – 11/02/2017	Ebonee Lyons	1-106288	Geoffrey Lipscomb	MD22517
14-1	09/26/2017- 11/05/2017	Ritchelle Broadnax	1-094939	Peter Johnson	MD17901
77-1	10/19/2017 – 10/28/2017	Kathleen Santiago	1-104704	Gary Merrell	MD14017
30-1	09/18/2017 – 11/8/2017	Emily Dawson	1-147450	Lori Shaw	MD36131

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice for the period from date of temporary approval through date of withdrawal or termination, as stated. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Applications for Full Review

The applications for 'Full Review' include Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians.

1. Items 1 -1 thru 103-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians.

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee deny Items 1-1, 34-1, 44-1, 77-1 (previously terminated), 89-1, 93-1, 24-1, 67-1 (previously terminated), 19-1 (previously terminated), 40-1 and 46-1 due to the incongruity of clinical specialties. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee defer Items 5-1 and 6-1 from consideration until further information can be obtained. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee defer Item 21-1 from consideration until further information can be obtained. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the Supplemental Initial Application (1-089091) Richard Gebhardt with (DO408) Edward Daugherty. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, Items 1 -1 thru 103-1 as listed on the roster, excluding Items in 8A, as indicated and referenced in the above motions. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. Items 104-2 thru 106-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, Items 104-2 thru 106-2 as listed on the roster. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3. Items 107-3 thru 129-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, Items 107-3 thru 129-3 as listed on the roster excluding the request for Cervical Trigger Point Injections on Item 127-3 which was denied. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

4. Items 130-4 thru 138-4, Collaborative Practice Application which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid.

Item #	App Type	License #	Nurse Name	Physician Name	License #	Application Date
130-4	Add New	1-127439	Kimkeisha Mitchell	Gary Merrell	MD14017	9/13/2017
131-4	Add New	1-109674	Justin Hall	Ramak Amjad	MD36049	9/29/2017
132-4	Add New	1-030650	Karen Faircloth	Gerald Crawford	MD22579	10/3/2017
133-4	Add New	1-090452	Danie'l Mills	Milton George	DO512	10/5/2017
134-4	Add New	1-055067	Annjerald Devance	Harshadkumar Patel	MD20610	10/17/2017
135-4	Add New	1-117724	Ryann Henley	Robert Sledge	MD35229	10/17/2017
136-4	CRNP	1-131650	Rickiya Williams	James Harris	MD19790	9/27/2017
137-4	CRNP	1-159394	Brannon Sims	Gregory Myrick	MD30396	9/28/2017
138-4	CRNP	1-130876	Mia Beveridge	Roger Eiland	MD8356	10/17/2017

On November 15, 2017, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee withdraw from consideration Collaborative Practice Applications which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid in compliance with the Red Tape Reduction Act (Code of Alabama 1975 Section 41-22-5.1). Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS**A. Comparison of Collaborative Practice Agreements FY 2016 and 2017**

Ms. Daniel presented a comparison of collaborative practice agreements for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Overall there was a 21% increase in active Collaborative Practice agreements from FY 16 to FY 17. Initial applications increased by 42% followed by a 38% increase in the Add New Apps and a 26% increase in Modification apps. The staff processed 34% more application in 2017 than in 2016; and the weekly average increased by 25%.

On November 15, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

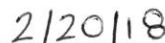
The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners located on 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Jordan moved for adjournment. Dr. Owens seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm on November 15, 2017.



Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP, FAANP, Chairperson



Date of Approval

Submitted by:



Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN
Alabama Board of Nursing



Sharon Tubbs, Recorder, November 15, 2017
Alabama Board of Nursing